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In re Patent No. 6,318,573 :
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For: BOTTLE WITH INTEGRALLY :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on December 27, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on November 20, 2009, for failure to timely pay the second maintenance fee. On November 25, 2011 (certificate of mailing date November 17, 2011) the maintenance fee and petition fee were filed. On December 13, 2011, a letter was mailed stating that a petition form including the statement of unintentional delay was required to be filed. On December 27, 2011, the subject petition form was filed. Since this petition (maintenance fee and surcharge) was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Receipt of the change of correspondence address is acknowledged.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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